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## A Woman's Influence.

The Times published about two weeks ago an editorial headed "Cruelty to Men." It was written after a day when the paper's readers were shivering in heated street cars, scurrying along the street muffled to their eyes, and watching the thermometer, with anxious looks toward the coal bin.

On that same day hundreds of their fellow-men stood at the front of the street cars, hardly considered by the passengers shivering inside, their hands and feet numb with intense cold, their eyelashes stiff, and their beards frozen to their coat collars. They suffered enough from the cold. But they suffered more from the driving snow and icy wind which cut into their faces every minute they were on duty.

The editorial was designed to suggest this to the readers of The Times. It pointed out that in other cities street car companies were required to equip their cars with vestibules for the protection of the motorman. And it emphasized the fact that while much talk was heard of cruelty to animals, this cruelty to men toiling arduously for their daily bread went on unnoticed.

Scores of thousands read that statement of the motorman's case. It is impossible that anyone who read it could have read it indifferently. But there was one reader—not a man, but a woman—whose heart was so closely allied to her energy that, on being told of the suffering these workmen endure, she brought to bear all the influence at her hand, great or small, to accomplish some practical relief. She was a young woman and a school teacher. So her time was limited, and in her own judgment, her influence was probably not very great.

Yet, this one girl has given direction to a current of popular sympathy which cannot fail to help these men. She first enlisted her brother and a girl friend. Then, in the odd moments of two days, she obtained indorsements of the editorial—400 or more.

The list was published yesterday. It includes the names of clergymen, Government clerks, lawyers, physicians, merchants, the Assistant Secretary of State, great commercial companies, women who stay at home, and street car patrons of every other class. It is a company of extraordinary influence. It is powerful enough to force any public corporation to grant any reasonable demand. And it was brought together by a woman!

The Times and its readers will not forget how this one girl transformed inactive, unproductive sympathy into a practical force. Neither will these motormen forget it. Other clerks, and merchants, and professional men, who are in earnest, will not wait to add their influence to that of their fellows by enrolling themselves on the same side. The Times and the motormen will go on fighting for legislation to right the wrong by law. But it may easily happen, if the railroad companies are convinced of the earnestness of their patrons, that the law may find vestibules already built and the motormen already protected.

## Medals for Heroes.

One trouble with the plan to reward every man who exhibits extraordinary bravery, entitling him to be ranked as a hero, is that there could not be medals enough to go around. Indeed, a display of courage involving the risk of life can hardly be called extraordinary. It would seem that when the occasion arrived it always found the man waiting. Acting on an impulse that does not stop to consider personal danger, the man does the utmost that could be required. If he is killed, there is warm commendation of his act, and if, happily, he survives, he declines to pose as an unusual person, and more than likely resents the tendency to make a fuss over him.

Just the other day in New York the driver of a fire engine was thrown from his seat when his three horses were in full career. He fell on the tongue, and, clasping it with arms and legs, clung there, back toward the pavement, while the maddened horses tore along. By any law of probabilities his chance of escape could not have been reckoned one in a million.

On the rear of the machine was the engineer. This man worked his way to the front, while the engine swayed and swerved. To do so he had to cling to hot pipes that burned his hands to the bone. He got to the seat, placed the reins about his body, and stopped the runaway. For the sake of saving a comrade he had freely offered his own life. This is the limit of bravery. Yet, the desire of the engineer to do as he did would

have been natural to any normal man, although ability to carry out the plan argued a steady nerve and a strong arm, as well as a fearless soul.

The country may be proud that it has such men at the posts of duty, ready, dauntless, unboasting, and modest.

## Hoch as a Type.

One John Hoch, or any other of a score of titles, is to be taken to Illinois to stand trial for bigamy, and likely also for murder. If reports are true concerning this man he has had so many wives that he would have difficulty in recounting the number of his trips to the altar, or the names of the happy brides. These reports go so far as to state that Hoch, not content with abandoning the women, found profit in the murder of some of them; which may or may not be true. Determination of the truth is important to Hoch, as he naturally desires to know whether he is facing prison merely or the gallows.

Hoch, as a type, is about as repulsive as any that could be brought into notice. He seems to be a monster devoid of all conscience, and dead to the impulses of decency that awaken response in the normal mind. The man who could make capital of the most sacred of human relationships, admitting that this man is guiltless of murder, is vile to the utmost, and fully capable of murder or of any other crime.

However, it is impossible to summon up acute sympathy for the women who become victims of this stripe of degenerate. When a woman is about to be married it is her right, and ought to be considered her duty, to ascertain whom she is to marry. A quick alliance with a stranger concerning whose pedigree and previous conditions nothing is known, is so grave a risk that only a woman more or less of a fool would incur it. Particularly would this be marked in the case of Hoch, who is ignorant, and in person about as attractive as a coyote.

Hoch and his swarm of females are extreme illustrations of the looseness of legal and moral restraints upon marriage. No man is so poor, ignorant, and vicious that he cannot find some one to share his lot, and, if ambitious in this direction, get to share it as many as he has opportunity to speak of about it.

## Points in Paragraphs.

If guns improve much more one of them will soon send a missile circling the globe and shoot its own breech off.

Stoessel resents indignantly the report that he left Port Arthur while there was plenty of champagne there. However, the popping of instruments of greater caliber than bottles did not serve to scare the Japanese much.

The latest gun can shoot fifty-nine miles, but what it would hit at that distance must for the present remain a question.

A Congressman with a pet railroad scheme has little patience with any fellow-member's pet.

Motormen are finding that they have many friends. This is due to a fellow-feeling. People who are shivering do not enjoy seeing anybody else freeze.

Friction in the Russian army is not surprising. To be locked in an atmosphere of 29 below zero is not conducive to good humor.

After Tuesday the man who fails to have his walk cleaned may have to settle a bill for broken bones.

Your Uncle Joe Cannon says that was not what kept him from the White House dinner.

Everything seems settled for Inauguration Day excepting the state of the weather.

If Colorado keeps on reforming, a majority of free and untrammelled voters will be in jail.

Wild-cat concerns will not be tolerated in Washington outside the Zoo.

Many New Yorkers are sorry the plans for making New York impregnable were not perfected before Mr. Gates, of Chicago, broke in.

"Folk is making good," declares a head line. But some of the people he is making that way resent the operation.

A fellow arrested in St. Louis claims to have shot fifteen men. Something ought to be done to such a liar.

The prevailing spot on the sun is larger even than the tract of land stolen from the Government.

Cubans seem to regard cleanliness as an American fad.

Soldiers in Poland are getting killed so fast as to make survivors think there is something wrong with the style of peace in vogue there.

By concealing from the experimental squad knowledge of the sort of poison they are getting, the poor fellows are at a loss as to the proper act of symptoms to manifest.

Recently a man was sandbagged on the "L" stairs at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, New York city, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. This is one of the busiest of the "L" stations. The robber took all the money his victim had, and got away. New York city is a large place, where, as one evidence of metropolitanism, there is maintained a police force of considerable number.

## THEIR GRIEVANCE.

The Czar he met some workmen Who'd happened to survive.

"Ungrateful," subjects all," quoth he, "Thank me that you're alive."

"Great sire," replied one member From hunger, wan and thin, "We're here to tell your majesty "That's where our kick comes in."

# IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

## SHAW'S WILL GIVE A DINNER PARTY

Tea in Mrs. Fairbanks' Home This Afternoon.

## BARON MAYOR TO RECEIVE

Other Social Events of the Day and Evening—Some Personal Gossip.

Chief of the social entertainments in Washington for today are the dinner party at the home of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, the tea at the home of Vice President-elect and Mrs. Fairbanks, and the reception at the Italian embassy.

Invitations for Mrs. Fairbanks' tea are for 5 o'clock, when several hundred guests will be received. This is one of the three large teas given by Mrs. Fairbanks this season, which has proved her wonderful ability in giving in addition a number of dinner parties and observing as well her Thursdays at home.

Miss Cathon will give the first of several teas next Thursday, which will be in compliment to her sister, Mrs. LeSeur, who will arrive Wednesday. She will also give a tea Saturday, different sets of people being invited to each.

The Prince de Bearn Chalais left town today for New York, and will sail for Europe on the Lorraine next Thursday. The prince has been one of the most popular men of the Diplomatic Corps since his appointment here as attaché to the French embassy, being particularly democratic and pleasing in manner. He will return to Washington in about two months.

Spring-Rice, former second secretary of the British embassy here, but now first secretary of the British embassy stationed at St. Petersburg, is spending a few days with Henry Adams.

Miss Estes will give a tea for young people this afternoon complimentary to her neighbors, Miss Pauline Morton and Miss Katharine Elkins, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy and Senator from West Virginia, respectively.

## British Embassy Ball.

The British Ambassador and Lady Darnley will give a ball at the embassy February 13 and the first of a series of dinner parties February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Twombly, of New York, have come to Washington for the rest of the season and have taken an apartment at the Shoreham.

Mrs. Rice has issued cards for a reception and musicale at her residence, 1829 Nineteenth street, from 4 to 7 o'clock, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster will entertain a dinner party Thursday, February 16, in compliment to the German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg, who are now in New York, but return to the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt have given up the apartment they recently occupied at St. Albans and have gone to Baltimore, their estate in North Carolina.

George Cabot Lodge, son of Senator and Mrs. Lodge, has bought the residence at the corner of F and Eighteenth streets, opposite the home of Justice Pitkin, which formerly belonged to Frank Carpenter. The house is an old-fashioned structure, facing an old-fashioned street, and it is said, will have many improvements put upon it. It is bright and sunny, and though that part of town is no longer sought by strictly fashionable people, it is favored by the army and navy contingent, and a number of people of official society who like the old-fashioned, generously built houses.

Mr. Lodge married Miss Elizabeth E. Davis, and has occupied as a Washington home an old-fashioned house at 2115 Pennsylvania avenue.

## Mrs. Mellon in Town.

Mrs. James R. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, vice president of the D. A. R., will arrive in Washington today to attend the national board meeting, which convenes here today. Mrs. Mellon will be presented to a large contingent of Washington society, with Mrs. Fairbanks, at a tea Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmadge will be hostess.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee has been making a visit to Pittsburgh, Pa., where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Woods.

Mrs. H. M. Hogg, wife of Representative Hogg of Colorado, will receive tomorrow, assisted by Mrs. Fred Denick.

Miss Mary Polk, Mrs. Benny, and Miss Madox are a party of Washington women being extensively entertained in Savannah, Ga., just now.

The marriage of Henry Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Curtis, and Mary Steele, of the South Side, in Chicago, will be married at the Kenwood Evangelical Church, Tuesday evening, February 7, at the home of the bride. A large reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Steele, will follow the church ceremony.

## For Settlement Work.

There will be an entertainment for the benefit of settlement work in South Washington on Thursday, February 16, at 3 o'clock, at the Washington Club, 115 I street.

Mrs. Gleason will give some of her inimitable recitations, and music will be rendered by the well-known artists, Miss Welch, Mr. Luckhart, Anton Kaspar, and Mr. Sweet.

Mrs. Thomas Lockwood, Jr., of Massachusetts avenue, will give a tea February 19.

Mrs. D. Linn Gooch, who is spending the winter at the Shoreham, has cards out for a tea on Tuesday afternoon, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Edward Kohner left for Hotel Phipps, point, Atlantic City, today, to be gone two weeks.

Miss Ella Weinberg, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of Miss Flora Brook, of this city, returned to her home today.

Miss Hilda Lewis, of Baltimore, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Kohner, for the past few days.



BARONESS MAYOR DES PLANCHES.  
Wife of the Italian Ambassador, Whose Monday Night Receptions Have Been a Delightful Feature of Social Life.

## INFORMAL DANCE IN RIVERO HOME

Justices of Supreme Court Guests of the Hoyts.

## LARGE COMPANY AT A TEA

Reception and a Birthday Party Among Events of Week's End.

The First Secretary of the Cuban legation and Senora Dona Martin Rivera were hosts at an informal dance at their residence, in Vermont avenue, Saturday evening.

Solicitor General and Mrs. Hoyt gave a dinner Saturday evening in honor of the members of the Supreme Court. The guests present were Justice and Mrs. Harlan, Justice and Mrs. Brewer, Justice and Mrs. Day, Justice and Mrs. McKenna, Justice and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Southernland, Miss Squire, George Tucker, Bishopman, of Philadelphia, and Judge Howard C. Hollister, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Henry St. George Tucker and Miss Tucker were hostesses at a very attractive tea Saturday afternoon, when they welcomed a large company to their spacious old-time home in H street. Recalling with Mrs. Tucker and her young stepdaughter were Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Henry M. Hoyt, and Miss Rixey.

In the tea room Miss Palmer, daughter of Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. J. J. Hemphill did the honors of a table which was decorated in red roses and lighted by unsuaded tapers in the particularly quaint and handsome chandeliers.

## RECEPTION DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Mrs. McKenna will not receive today.

Mrs. Benjamin Butterworth will not receive today.

Mrs. Butler, wife of former Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina, who, with Mr. Butler, is spending the winter at the Cairo, will receive Thursday, February 16.

Mrs. Lamar, wife of Representative William Bailey Lamar of Florida, will observe tomorrow and the third Tuesday in February.

Mrs. Atkin R. Dyer and Mrs. Grace Dyer Knight, of 137 Roanoke street, will be at home the last two Mondays of February.

Mrs. H. C. Rakeman will be at home, 918 M street northwest, Wednesdays, February 8 and 22.

Mrs. Montgomery E. Danforth will not be at home February 8, but will receive on Wednesday, February 15, from 4 to 6.

Mrs. Kutz, wife of Captain Kutz, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, will be at home Wednesday, February 9, at 217 O street. Assisting her will be her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Klein.

Mrs. H. G. Thyssen and the Misses Thyssen, 175 W street, will be at home Thursday, February 9, and the remaining Thursdays in February.

Miss Allen, daughter of Representative Allen of Maine, will receive this afternoon from 5 to 6, at the Roland.

Mrs. Roger William Duffey will be at home tomorrow and Tuesday, February 21, at 35 N street northwest.

Mrs. Wiley, wife of Representative Wiley of New Jersey, will be at home at the Highlands tomorrow and the following Tuesday.

Mrs. Bowie, wife of Representative Bowie of Alabama, will receive at the Cochran home tomorrow, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Mondell, wife of Representative Mondell of Wyoming, will be at home at the Cochran tomorrow afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Pool have returned from their bridal trip, and are at home to their friends at 117 Sixth street northwest.

Owing to her sister's illness, Miss Routh will not be at home Monday, February 13.

Mrs. William Alexander Hill will be at home on Thursday, February 9, for the last time this season.

Representative and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst are this year occupying a suite of rooms at the New Willard.

## MISS DONALDSON KEEPS BIRTHDAY

A birthday party was given Miss Elsie Donaldson at her home last Friday evening. During the evening Miss Charlotte Selgel and Miss Edna Kuhnert rendered some very pretty songs, and Allyn Shackelford gave several cornet solos. Those present were Fred Muir, Frank Kuhnert, Arthur McGill, Ernest Talbert, Charles Holloman, Eugene Burgess, Elmer McChesney, William McChesney, Morris King, George Brown, Charles Heider, Carl Perry, Harry Donaldson, Misses Ethel Bowman, Edna Kuhnert, Charlotte Selgel, Edith Wellington, Agnes Hagan, Alma Tucker, Susie McChesney, Mayme Burkett, Lillian Wilson, Lizzie Burgess, and Rose McChesney.

The Rev. and Mrs. George Colvin Carter, 1529 K Street northwest, will be at home on the Tuesday afternoons in February.

Mrs. Francis Asbury Lutz will be at home tomorrow and Tuesday, February 14, at the Rockingham, 1317 Rhode Island avenue.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, wife of Delegate Wilson of Arizona, will not be at home tomorrow, at the Dewey.

Mrs. William E. Fuller will not be at home tomorrow, but will be at home the following Tuesdays in February.

## LETTERS FROM FAMOUS MEN SOLD FOR SMALL AMOUNTS

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# WOMAN'S VIEWS ON WHIPPING POST

If Punishment for Wife-Beaters, Then the Ducking Stool for Scolds.

Washington, Feb. 4, 1905.  
To the Editor of The Times:

As you are generally "to the front" in local matters, I hope you will allow one woman to express her opinion in reference to the much agitated question of a "whipping post" for wife-beaters.

As to the measure advocated in Congress by Adams, man can say but little; woman can say what she thinks; and if we are to have a whipping post let us by all means have also a ducking stool for long-tongued, nagging women, and if there were fewer of such women there would be no need for whipping posts.

I am not in accord with any form of corporal punishment. Life in itself is hard enough without preparing abuse in anticipation of its being needed. Men sometimes return after a day of hard work, and a scolding wife, who begins, the moment he comes in, to tell him all the worries of the day that have fallen to her lot, and man, not being a patient animal, generally goes out, gets a drink, perhaps two or more, and coming again to the home he had left finds things worse, rather than better, and so one word and another culminates in a fight, in which, of course, the weaker goes to the wall.

If there can be found any way to compel a woman to hold her tongue when she feels that if she speaks she will say what will cause trouble, then, indeed, will the "ax" be laid at the root of the tree. No whipping post will meet the demand, for even as the first man said,

"The woman thou gavest me did tempt me," so will the last wife-beater say, "She nagged at me till I had to strike her to make her shut her mouth."

You will find, Mr. Editor, that there will have to be a different legislation from that now agitating our lawmakers and lawbreakers. It is all of a piece, whipping post, ducking stool, and divorce laws. So long as men and women without serious and careful thought enter the sacred precincts of matrimony, just so long will domestic troubles multiply. Let each State obliterate from its code of legal enactments all laws sanctioning divorce, and the evil will be "sapped in the bud."

Fifty years ago persons hurried to front doors or windows to look at a woman "who had been divorced," but now at this day we realize how easy it is "to condemn, at first, then pity, then embrace." If men and women knew that after marriage there was no escape from the troubles they might bring upon themselves except by death, they would be more careful in their dealings with each other. Yet men go out to fight you will, but I know that "a soft answer turneth away wrath," and no man is wholly a brute.

Let women learn to be patient to husband and children, and there will be no need of whipping posts.

What woman would complain to the police "that her husband had beaten her," knowing that, not only he would be publicly branded, but that his children would also for all time to come, be publicly shamed?

No; if a man must beat his wife, let her bear that, as better women have borne words, the force of which only eternity will reveal; but spare the little children; don't send them out to fight single-handed, the battle of life hampered with a father's disgrace.

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## POPE PIUS HONORS MONSIGNOR BARRETT

ROME, Feb. 6.—At the request of the Brooklyn priests, Mgr. Barrett, secretary to Bishop McDonnell, has been appointed domestic prelate to the Pope. In granting the request the Pontiff highly praised Mgr. Barrett's work.

Bishop McDonnell and Mgr. Barrett will leave tomorrow for Lourdes and sail from Liverpool for New York, February 25.

## JUSTICE W. B. HOOKER IS NOW IMPROVING

FREDONIA, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The condition of Justice Warren B. Hooker, who was injured in the wreck on the New York Central near Utica on Friday night, is improved.

His injuries are stated to be less serious than at first supposed, and it is believed that he will be able to get about again in a week or so.

## FEDERAL OFFICIAL ORDERED AWAY FROM TOPEKA

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 5.—Unless Revenue Collector James M. Sampson leaves Topeka, and attends to his duties for the Government, Governor Hoch will ask President Roosevelt to call him to account. Sampson is here lobbying against an "administration board of control bill," to save a political friend's job.

Governor Hoch has given Sampson twenty-four hours to get out of town. Sampson says he will go when he is good and ready.

## Book-Taught Bilkins Learns to Keep His Temper.

